

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A vegetable wax-based composition suitable for manufacturing a candle by compression, comprising:

a vegetable-based wax; ~~and~~

a petroleum wax; and

a fragrance,

wherein said composition comprises a greater amount of said vegetable-based wax than said petroleum wax, and
wherein said fragrance is encapsulated with said
petroleum wax.

2. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 1, wherein said vegetable-based wax has a melting point of 56 to 62°C and an iodine value of 22 to 34.

3. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 1, wherein said petroleum wax is a paraffin wax.

4. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 1, wherein said petroleum wax has a melting point of 55 to 61°C.

5. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition includes a fragrance.

6. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 5, wherein said fragrance is present up to 25% by weight.

7. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 1, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at least 50% by weight of said vegetable-based wax.

8. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 1, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at most 49% by weight of said petroleum wax.

9. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 1, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a binder.

10. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 1, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a colorant.

11. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 1, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes an antioxidant.

12. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 1, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a UV absorber.

13. (Currently amended) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 9, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a co-binder.

14. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 1, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition is encased in an encasing layer.

15. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 14, wherein said encasing layer consists substantially of a petroleum wax.

16. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 14, wherein the average melting point of said outer layer is greater than the average melting point of said vegetable wax-based composition.

17. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 14, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at least 65% by weight of said candle.

18. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 14, wherein said encasing layer comprises at most 35% by weight of said candle.

19. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 1, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition further comprises color speckles.

20. (Currently amended) A vegetable wax-based composition suitable for manufacturing a candle by compression, comprising:

a vegetable-based wax; and

a petroleum wax; and

a fragrance,

wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises a greater amount of said vegetable-based wax than said petroleum wax,

wherein said fragrance is encapsulated with said petroleum wax,

wherein said vegetable wax-based composition is further encased in an encasing layer, and

wherein said encasing layer consists substantially of a petroleum wax.

21. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 20, wherein said vegetable-based wax has a melting point of 56 to 62°C and an iodine value of 20 to 34.

22. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 20, wherein said petroleum wax is a paraffin wax.

23. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 20, wherein said petroleum wax has a melting point of 55 to 61°C.

24. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a fragrance.

25. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 24, wherein said fragrance is present up to 25% by weight.

26. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at least 50% by weight of said vegetable-based wax.

27. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at most 49% by weight of said petroleum wax.

28. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a binder.

29. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a colorant.

30. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes an antioxidant.

31. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a UV absorber.

32. (Currently amended) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim [[20]]28, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a co-binder.

33. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 20, wherein the melting point of said encasing layer is greater than the melting point of said vegetable wax-based composition.

34. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at least 65% by weight of said candle.

35. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 20, wherein said encasing layer comprises at most 35% by weight of said candle.

36. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 20, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition further comprises color speckles.

37. (Currently amended) A vegetable wax-based composition suitable for manufacturing a candle by compression, comprising:

a vegetable-based wax;

a petroleum wax;

a binder; and

a fragrance,

wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises a greater amount of said vegetable-based wax than said petroleum wax, and

wherein said fragrance is encapsulated with said petroleum wax.

38. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 37, wherein said vegetable-based wax has a melting point of 56 to 62°C and an iodine value of 20 to 34.

39. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 37, wherein said petroleum wax is paraffin wax.

40. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 37, wherein said petroleum wax has a melting point of 55 to 61°C.

41. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 37, wherein said fragrance is present up to 25% by weight.

42. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 37, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at least 50% by weight of said vegetable-based wax.

43. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 37, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at most 49% by weight of said petroleum wax.

44. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 37, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a colorant.

45. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 37, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes an antioxidant.

46. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 37, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a UV absorber.

47. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 37, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a co-binder.

48. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 37, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition is encased in an encasing layer.

49. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 48, wherein said encasing layer consists substantially of a petroleum wax.

50. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 48, wherein the melting point of said encasing layer is greater than the melting point of said vegetable wax-based composition.

51. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 48, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at least 65% by weight of said candle.

52. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 48, wherein said encasing layer comprises at most 35% by weight of said candle.

53. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 37, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition further comprises color speckles.

54. (Currently amended) A vegetable wax-based composition suitable for manufacturing a candle by compression, comprising:

- a vegetable-based wax;

- a petroleum wax;

- a binder; and

- a fragrance,

wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises a greater amount of said vegetable-based wax than said petroleum wax, and

wherein said fragrance is encapsulated with said
petroleum wax, and

wherein said vegetable wax-based composition is
further encased in an encasing layer operable to provide a
complete burn of said candle, and

wherein said encasing layer consists substantially of
a petroleum wax.

55. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according
to claim 54, wherein said vegetable-based wax has a melting
point of 56 to 62°C and an iodine value of 20 to 34.

56. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according
to claim 54, wherein said petroleum wax is a paraffin wax.

57. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according
to claim 54, wherein said petroleum wax has a melting point
of 55 to 61°C.

58. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according
to claim 54, wherein said fragrance is present up to 25% by
weight.

59. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 54, wherein said composition comprises at least 50% by weight of said vegetable-based wax.

60. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 54, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at most 49% by weight of said petroleum wax.

61. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 54, wherein said composition includes a colorant.

62. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 54, wherein said composition includes an antioxidant.

63. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 54, wherein said composition includes a UV absorber.

64. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 54, wherein said composition includes a co-binder.

65. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 54, wherein the melting point of said encasing

layer is greater than the melting point of said vegetable wax-based composition.

66. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 54, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at least 65% by weight of said candle.

67. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 54, wherein said encasing layer comprises at most 35% by weight of said candle.

68. (Original) A vegetable wax-based composition according to claim 54, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition further comprises color speckles.

69. (Currently amended) A combustible candle composition, comprising:

a vegetable wax-based composition comprising petroleum wax and vegetable wax[[,]]; and

a fragrance; and

an encasing layer comprising petroleum wax[[:]]; and

wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises a greater amount of said vegetable wax than said petroleum wax,

wherein said vegetable wax-based composition is formed
via compression,

wherein said fragrance is encapsulated with said
petroleum wax,

wherein said encasing layer is poured over said inner
core, and

wherein said encasing layer is operable to provide a
complete burn of said candle composition, and

wherein said candle composition comprises a greater
amount of said petroleum wax than said vegetable-based wax.

70. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 69,
wherein said candle composition includes a fragrance.

71. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 70,
wherein said fragrance is present up to 25% by weight.

72. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 69,
wherein said vegetable wax has a melting point of 56 to
62°C and an iodine value of 20 to 34.

73. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 69,
wherein said petroleum wax is a paraffin wax.

74. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein said petroleum wax has a melting point of 55 to 61°C.

75. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein said candle composition includes a binder.

76. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein said candle composition includes a colorant.

77. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein said candle composition includes an antioxidant.

78. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein said candle composition includes a UV absorber.

79. (Currently amended) A candle composition according to claim ~~[[69]]~~75, wherein said candle composition includes a co-binder.

80. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein the melting point of said encasing layer is greater than the melting point of said vegetable wax-based composition.

81. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at least 65% by weight of said candle.

82. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein said encasing layer comprises at most 35% by weight of said candle.

83. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 69, wherein said candle composition further comprises color speckles.

84. (Currently amended) A combustible candle composition, comprising:

a vegetable wax-based composition comprising petroleum wax and vegetable wax, and an encasing layer comprising petroleum wax; and

a fragrance,

wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises a greater amount of said vegetable wax than said petroleum wax,

wherein said vegetable wax-based composition is formed via compression,

wherein said encasing layer is poured over said vegetable wax-based composition, and

wherein said encasing layer is operable to provide a complete burn of said candle composition,

wherein said candle composition comprises a greater amount of said vegetable-based wax than said petroleum wax, and

wherein said fragrance is encapsulated with said petroleum wax.

85. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein said candle composition also includes a fragrance.

86. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 85, wherein said fragrance is present from 15-25% by weight.

87. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein said vegetable-based wax has a melting point of 56 to 62°C and an iodine value of 20 to 34.

88. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein said petroleum wax is a paraffin wax.

89. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein said petroleum wax has a melting point of 55 to 61°C.

90. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein said candle composition includes a binder.

91. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein said candle composition includes a colorant.

92. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein said candle composition includes an antioxidant.

93. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein said candle composition includes a UV absorber.

94. (Currently amended) A candle composition according to claim ~~[[84]]~~90, wherein said candle composition includes a co-binder.

95. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein the melting point of said encasing layer is greater than the melting point of said vegetable wax-based composition.

96. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at least 65% by weight of said candle.

97. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein said encasing layer comprises at most 35% by weight of said candle.

98. (Original) A candle composition according to claim 84, wherein said composition further comprises color speckles.

99. (Withdrawn) A method of making candles comprising the steps of:

prilling a vegetable wax-based composition to form granules;

compressing said granules,

wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises a vegetable-based wax and a petroleum wax, and

wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises a greater amount of said vegetable-based wax than said petroleum wax.

100. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 99, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a colorant.

101. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 99, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition includes a fragrance.

102. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 101, wherein said fragrance is present up to 25% by weight.

103. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 99, wherein said vegetable-based wax has a melting point of 56 to 62°C and an iodine value of 22 to 32.

104. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 99, wherein said petroleum wax is a paraffin wax.

105. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 99, wherein said petroleum wax has a melting point of 55 to 61°C.

106. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 99, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at least 50% by weight of said vegetable-based wax.

107. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 99, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at most 49% by weight of said petroleum wax.

108. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 99, wherein said candle includes a binder.

109. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 99, wherein said candle includes an antioxidant.

110. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 99, wherein said candle includes a UV absorber.

111. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 99, wherein said candle includes a co-binder.

112. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 99, wherein said method comprises a further step of encasing said vegetable wax-based composition with an encasing layer.

113. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 112, wherein said encasing layer consists substantially of a petroleum wax.

114. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 112, wherein the average melting point of said encasing layer is greater than the average melting point of said vegetable wax-based composition.

115. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 112, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at least 65% by weight of said candle.

116. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 112, wherein said encasing layer comprises at most 35% by weight of said candle.

117. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 99, wherein said method further comprises embossing said candle via a mold.

118. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 99, wherein said method further comprises debossing said candle via a mold.

119. (Withdrawn) A method of making candles comprising the steps of:

prilling a vegetable wax-based composition to

form granules;

compressing said granules; and

encasing said vegetable wax-based composition
with an encasing layer;

wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
a vegetable-based wax and a petroleum wax, and

wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises
a greater amount of said vegetable-based wax than said
petroleum wax, and

wherein said encasing layer consists substantially of
a petroleum wax.

120. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 119, wherein
said vegetable wax-based composition includes a colorant.

121. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 119, wherein
said vegetable wax-based composition includes a fragrance.

122. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 121, wherein
said fragrance is present up to 25% by weight.

123. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 119, wherein
said vegetable-based wax has a melting point of 56 to 62°C
and an iodine value of 20 to 34.

124. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 119, wherein said petroleum wax is a paraffin wax.

125. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 119, wherein said petroleum wax has a melting point of 55 to 61°C.

126. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 119, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at least 50% by weight of said vegetable-based wax.

127. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 119, wherein said vegetable wax-based composition comprises at most 49% by weight of said petroleum wax.

128. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 119, wherein said candle includes a binder.

129. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 119, wherein said candle includes an antioxidant.

130. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 119, wherein said candle includes a UV absorber.

131. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 119, wherein said candle includes a co-binder.

132. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 119, wherein said method further comprises embossing said candle via a mold.

133. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 119, wherein said method further comprises debossing said candle via a mold.